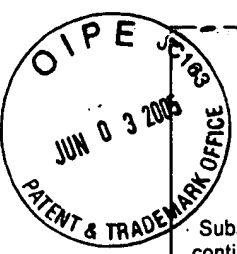


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<p align="center">REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</p> <p>Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)</p>	Application Number	09/890,987
	Filing Date	August 27, 2001
	First Named Inventor	SNIJDERS
	Group Art Unit	3624
	Examiner Name	Thu Thao Havan
	Attorney Docket Number	SNIJDERS

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above identified application.
NOTE 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. ☐ Previously Submitted

 i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed on
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

 ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

 iii. ☐ Other

b. ☒ Enclosed

 i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

 ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

 iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

 iv. ☐ Other:

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for

 A period of _____ months. (period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (i) required)

b. ☐ Other

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is **required** by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 **when the RCE is filed.**

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge, or credit any overpayments, to
 Deposit Account No.: 08-0570.

 i. ☒ The RCE fee (required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e))

 ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

 iii. ☒ Other: Extra claims fees

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 1,105.00 enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
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